

SELFRIDGE FIELD, BUILDING NO. 827
(Coal Testing Building)
(Old Coal Sampling Building)
E. side of railroad tracks west of Mulberry St.
Mt. Clemens vicinity
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- Location: East of railroad tracks west of Mulberry Street
Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mt. Clemens vicinity,
Macomb County, Michigan
U.S.G.S. Mount Clemens East Quadrangle, Universal Transverse
Mercator Coordinates: 17.350160.4719120
- Significance: This building represents the utilitarian buildings erected at
Selfridge as the base expanded to meet its World War II training
mission, and its functional nature is typical of the spartan
buildings built for the military during this period.
- Description: It is a single story, rectangular plan, 12 x 18 foot, concrete block
structure resting on a concrete slab foundation. The building is
shielded by a rolled asphalt shed roof that rests on a wood fascia.
The principal (southeast) elevation consists of a central wood, five
horizontal panel entry door. The southwest elevation is pierced by
a central wood sash window with concrete sill and lintel. The
northwest elevation is a mirror image of the facade, consisting of
a single pedestrian entry door, while the northeast elevation is
pierced by a single boarded window void and a small louvered
steel vent. The interior of the building consists of a single open
room beneath exposed rafters.
- History: This Coal Testing Building was designed by the Office of the Post
Engineer at Selfridge Field¹ and was erected in 1945 adjacent to
the base railroad tracks and coal storage yard. In recent years it
has served as a B.E. Storage Shed.
- Sources: Anonymous, Brief History of Selfridge Air Force Base, 1917-1960,
unpublished ms., Air Force Historical Research Agency, Maxwell
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Photographic copy of construction drawing, dated October 6, 1944, Office of the Post Engineer, Selfridge Field, in possession of Selfridge Base Museum, Mt. Clemens, Michigan. Plan and Elevations.

Interview, Colonel Robert Stone (Ret.), Curator, Selfridge Base Museum, October 13, 1995.

Interview, Eric Reeve, Selfridge Environmental Management, October 12, 1995.

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